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women's basketball preview, an overview of the women's cross-country team's success and a profile on the four seniors on the golf team. The A&E section covers GC Fall Break, an overview of "Cat in the Hat" and a preview of the Deep Roots Festival.

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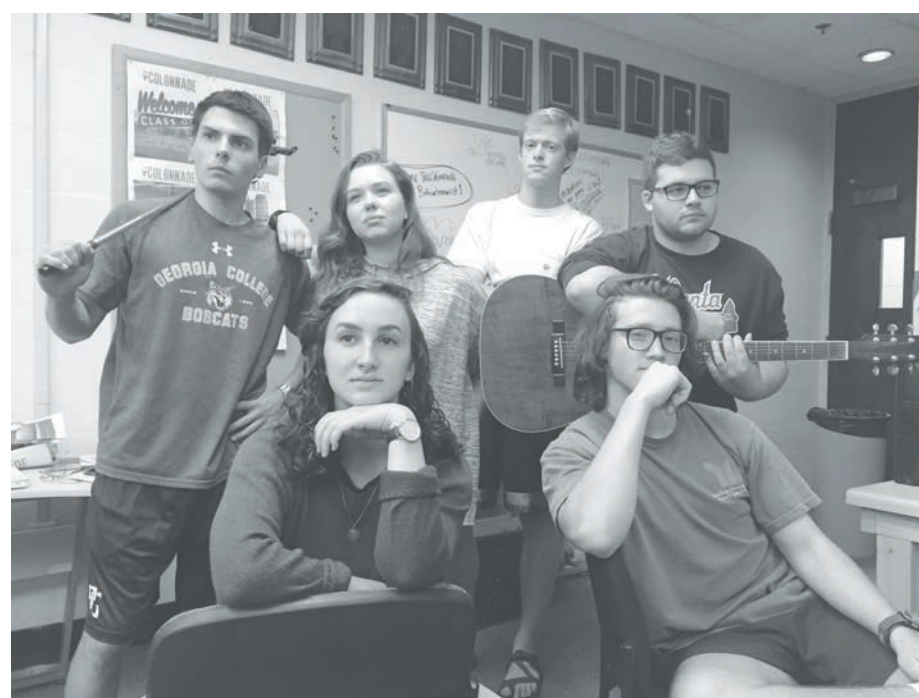
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Community celebrates beloved GC professor

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Friends, family, students, co-workers lined the walls and filled the pews of Freedom Church's sanctuary on Monday, Oct. 17, as the Milledgeville community celebrated the life and faith of Georgia College & State University employee, Sara Allison Black Everett, long-time lecturer of exercise science.

"We know how faithful our God is," said Sara Everett, daughter of Mrs. Everett, during her mother's funeral service. "My mom never feared death because she knew exactly where she was going."

Sara Everett and her siblings, Kacey Everett Brown and Austin Everett, were the first to speak about the impact their mother left on their lives and on those who knew her. The room,

full of people Mrs. Everett impacted, held not an atmosphere of mourning but one of tearful celebration as speakers recounted their time with Mrs. Everett.

"She wrote in her Bible that when her time came, this was to be a celebration of her life. That brings us some sort of peace," said Sara Everett.

Following Mrs. Everett's children, several friends and Georgia College faculty spoke. Each person commented on Mrs. Everett's caring and selfless nature, noting that her character and behavior derived from the most important aspect of her life – her faith in Jesus Christ.

"We would talk about God in the workplace almost every day, and I thank God for that," said Mike Martino, program coordinator for exercise science and part-owner

of BodyPlex Fitness, the gym where Mrs. Everett regularly taught aerobic classes.

Though each person who spoke during the funeral could not entirely hold back signs of grief from their eyes and voices, they recounted the joy found in their relationships with Mrs. Everett, oftentimes telling of lighthearted memories, meriting laughter from those in attendance.

Because her faith was the central aspect of her life, it was fitting that amid the retelling of stories Rev. Jay Frazier, a middle school friend of Mrs. Everett, told of the night when Mrs. Everett and her husband, Ken Everett, became Christians.

Rev. Frazier said he prayed with the couple after he preached a revival at Freedom Church many years ago. And from that

moment on, Rev. Frazier said Mrs. Everett's life reflected a change brought upon by God.

Mrs. Everett never shied away from her faith – even in the classroom. Many of Mrs. Everett's current and

former students attended the funeral on Monday afternoon to pay their final respects to a teacher who has forever influenced their lives.

"Mrs. Everett impacted me in so many ways. She never quit working, and she was always doing everything she could for everyone else," said Carly Miles, exercise science major and 2016 GC graduate.

Passing away Oct. 11, 2016, due to injuries sustained from a car crash, Mrs. Everett, age 51, leaves behind a husband, two daughters and a son.

A Milledgeville native and longtime member of Freedom Church, Mrs. Everett graduated from Baldwin High School and received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgia College prior

to entering the teaching profession at GC in 1991.

Following the Monday service, Mrs. Everett was laid to rest in Deepstep United Methodist Church Cemetery in Deepstep, Georgia.

In addition to the memorial service, students held a candlelight vigil on Front Campus that evening.

"Mrs. Allison Everett was one of the kindest souls at the college," said Sam Archbold, public health major and current GC junior. "She showed love to all of her students. You couldn't be in her class without feeling some sort of connection to her. She was a truly great teacher, inspiration and friend to all of the students. She will be greatly missed by the Georgia College community."



Ada Montgomery/ Senior Photographer

Students gather on Front Campus to celebrate Mrs. Everett's memory.

GC spreads active citizenship in local schools

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Georgia College's Public Achievement Program's design challenges students to think of themselves as citizen scholars and stewards of place, providing opportunity for students to implement knowledge gained in the classroom into the surrounding community.

In this course, GC students work in teams under the supervision of Janet Clark, associate professor of rhetoric, participating in service activities relating to public achievement.

These activities consist of working with the after school program Youth Enrichment Services (YES) in the local schools of Creekside Elementary, Blandy Elementary, Oak Hill Middle School and Baldwin High School. Visiting each of these schools allows program participants to bring what they learn in the classroom to life, carrying out the goal of the Public

Achievement Program, which is to encourage active citizenship, Clark said.

"Active citizens come from all backgrounds and experiences but share a commitment to actively promoting the rights of all people, seeking just solutions to problems and working with others to improve community life and culture," Clark said.

The program is active throughout the entire school year, and the academic course is offered each semester. The class meets twice a week.

One of the days is spent preparing in the classroom to go to the schools, and the other is spent on site engaging students in an action project. Clark said the students identify a problem within the community, learn from others within that field, devise a plan to positively impact the problem and then implement it.

Through this, GC students are given real world experience and perspective, while developing powerful

relationships and learning how to be a role model.

"Our purpose is to show kids their ideas are important and that what they say means something. We're showing them that if they start now, they have the power to change anything they want," Nick Landon, rhetoric major, senior, said. "This is a way of helping students realize that regardless of

their situation, they have the power to make things better."

Students taking the course gain a sense of professionalism and a civic consciousness by becoming aware of what is happening within their community and learning methodical ways to approach problems.

"You are about to embark on the greatest, but also most challenging

adventure. You will have highs and you will have lows. Over the next semester, your emotions will range from unbelievable frustration to beaming pride for your students," Grace Huggins, mass communications major, 2016 GC graduate, wrote in her end of semester reflection paper, offering advice to those interested in the program.

Although it is considered a rhetoric class, enrollment for course is open to any major and has no pre-requisites as it is an upper level, special topics elective. For more information about the Public Achievement Program, visit their Facebook page, called "Georgia College Public Achievement."



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Janet Clark

Students in the Public Achievement Program prepare for their work in local public schools.



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Campus renovations alter office locations

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Faculty offices are being shuffled around campus in order to make the best use of available space and to continue much needed renovation projects. Most of the office shifts and space changes are part of a much larger, campus-wide project, while other offices are being repurposed due to age and cumbersome floor plans.

The catalyst for the first wave of renovations on campus was the reopening of Ennis Hall in 2014. Ennis allowed for the art department to move both art and faculty from houses on Clark Street into one central building.

Now that houses, like Mayfair, on Clark Street are open, the task of renovating them is ongoing, and it is not simple.

“Our houses are unique and interesting. As a result, they take a lot of study. You really have to walk through the house and say, ‘How are you going to fit people into it,’” Michael Rickenbaker, university

architect and director of facilities planning, said.

The age of the houses is an obstacle for renovating them and making them functional, said Rickenbaker. The second task is to study certain departments on campus and find a space that will accommodate everyone but also place them in proximity to other buildings for maximum convenience.

While these changes are necessary, it can be difficult to make them while so many students and faculty require access to them.

The biggest change on campus that will affect the most people will be the re-opening of Beeson Hall, which was built over 70 years ago, said Rickenbaker. The goal, on the surface, is to move more people into modern workspaces and to take advantage of the historic buildings GC already has.

However, the underlying goal is to vacate Terrell Hall by July, said Rickenbaker. Terrell Hall is in the planning stages of what will be its own rebirth. Rickenbaker said the date

for Terrell Hall residents to move to Beeson is July 1, 2017.

“We’re just really excited to move to a more modern building,” Susan Hurst, the administrative assistant for foreign language department, said. “(In Terrell Hall) every office has a window unit for AC, and we have steam piping for heat. The building is old.”

While the plan currently requires many of those moving to Beeson to return to Terrell Hall for a time, the building will be a more functional space once the renovations are completed.

Not only will the buildings be modernized, but they will also be home to new spaces for learning. Sharon Careccia, physics lecturer, said the bottom floor of Beeson will be home to the advanced physics lab, machine shop, offices and research spaces.

Other changes on campus include the visitor’s center moving to Mayfair and the occupation of the bottom floor of the library by disability services and the testing center.

End It Movement hosts event to stop slavery

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Eighty students participated in the first Georgia College End It Movement slavery awareness event on front campus on Thursday night, a fundraiser that included entertainment and a motivational speaker.

“The End It Movement is a global organization that is raising awareness for the 27 million that are still in slavery,” Morgan Sangster, head coordinator of End It at

GC, sophomore, said.

The movement’s main mission is to fight against different forms of modern day slavery such as bonded labor, forced labor and human trafficking.

Sangster said that End It is committed to helping those trapped in bondage by making people aware, educated and ready to help in communities and on college campuses.

“We think it is crucial that this campus is informed of the issue of modern slavery,”

Sangster said. “So why not make it fun with music and pizza?”

In a laid back environment with free food, T-shirts for sale and live entertainment, “End It on the Lawn,” opened doors for GC students to gain knowledge of modern day slavery and how they can take part in the fight even as close to home as Atlanta.

The money made from t-shirts sales and the small donations at the event will go towards the End It



Avery Kronz/ Contributing Photographer

End It at GC leaders and Beloved Atlanta host the event on front campus.

Movement organization and be used for more slavery awareness events on GC campus.

End It on the Lawn also brought Lee Daniel, a representative of BeLoved Atlanta, to speak about the slavery that is happening in the city and suburbs of Atlanta. Daniel explained that sex trafficking generates \$290 million per year in Atlanta, the highest in the nation.

Daniel said that GC students can be involved in

helping stop this major issue through volunteering with BeLoved Atlanta.

Maranda Blum, mass communication major, co-coordinator of event and sophomore, said that this event was important because GC students must know that slavery still exists. She said that many are unaware that Atlanta is the largest human trafficking hub in the nation.

“We believe that we can have a larger impact together as a community to be a voice for the millions that don’t

have one,” Blum said.

Bethany Watkins, a pre-nursing major at GC and event attendee, said that if she can help in any way to stop modern slavery, she wants to be a part of it.

“It breaks my heart that there are so many still trapped in bondage and that it is happening even in our own community,” Watkins said. “I am thrilled to see so many getting involved with this event and I am excited for the future of the End It Movement here at GC.”



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A red “X” is the End It Movement’s symbol for ending slavery.

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GC street food cart makes debut on campus

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Georgia College now has a new convenient way to get a variety of good eats on campus that has rotating specials every day. On weekday afternoons, students, faculty and staff can grab a quick bite to eat between classes at a street food cart run by Jimmy James.

“Students and faculty were going between classes, and they didn’t have time to stop by the Max for a full meal like they usually do or go downtown to catch a bite to eat, so we decided to put something out that’s more convenient for everyone,” James said.

James’s food cart accepts cash, credit cards

and Bobcat cards, including both Cat Cash and Dining Dollars. The cart operates Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with prices ranging from \$5 to \$7 for most items.

“I’m so excited about the new food cart. It’s great to have a fast alternative and even better to be served by Jimmy’s friendly face,” Colleen Costello, senior, said.

The food cart debuted near the campus’s central fountain on Oct. 7, serving a variety of tacos, chips and drinks.

“We have different varieties of things every day. I love coming out here and doing this,” Kadeshia King, James’s coworker, said. “Yesterday we had Hebrew National quarter pound hot dogs, bratwurst and chips. Other days we

will have street taco day and philly cheese steak day.”

James said that business so far has been good.

“Since we’ve started, in just a few short days we have sold at least over 100 items,” James said. “I thoroughly love doing this, putting out a good product and interacting with all the students.”

The food cart will also be available at intramural games. James said that he hopes to eventually have his cart by the front campus bus stop to cater to the late night crowd and bar goers.

“Most of the kids around here are my friends that I’ve known since before I even started working here, and these kids are like my extended family,” James said. “I love serving each and every one of them.”



Lexi Garofalo/ Contributing Photographer

James and Jones run the street food cart near the fountain.

SGA debates attorney general qualifications

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After a relaxing fall break, SGA got back down to work on Friday, discussing quite a bit of

business during the post vacation joinder.

Senator Cedric Norris announced an open forum to take place in November and Senator Courtney LeBeau gave an update on the progress of the Puppies and Pumpkins event.

However, the meeting’s big ticket item was a discussion on the qualifications for attorney general.

President Pro Tempore Mike Muller introduced a resolution to amend the SGA constitution to tighten the requirements on who

can run for the position.

“The succession says that you have to be a senator for one semester to be appointed. I want to change it so that you have to be a justice for at least one semester so they have experience,” Muller said. “That kind of debate is centered around ‘should we just make it open to anybody, or should we just make it a justice.’”

The resolution, if passed, will take effect upon the end of the current attorney general’s term and aims to ensure that those who run for attorney general have the necessary background to handle the decisions and pressure that comes with it.

Some senators agreed with Muller, while others

were in hearty disagreement with the proposed qualifications.

“There will never be an entirely baby board. There will never be an inexperienced board where someone could not succeed the attorney general. Some of these days you go home and you do not feel good about your decisions. You don’t know what we do. We’re not allowed to tell you what we do, but we can attest that it’s a pretty hard job,” Senator Kameron Griffin said.

Doctor Andy Lewter, Dean of Student services, sat in on the meeting and offered his own perspective on the changes.

“The person that’s going to be the attorney

general needs to have some experience on how the board runs because in those board meetings, some of them are about ‘you shouldn’t have had a beer, you’re 18.’ Some of them are ‘we’re going to suspend you from the university, and you’re no longer a student,’ and some of those are quite contentious. To have someone with no experience I think would be pretty tough, and I would be nervous about their ability to do that,” Lewter said.

The resolution is still in the planning stages and hasn’t been approved on any level by SGA. Like everything else the senate discussed, it will come up for a vote at a later date.

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Thank-a-Bobcat recognizes acts of kindness

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The Thank-a-Bobcat campaign, part of Georgia College's 3Rs initiative of Reason, Respect and Responsibility, is a program designed to develop a culture of civility with a focus on diversity and inclusion campus wide. Participation is easy and open to anyone on the GC campus.

The first step in becoming involved is picking up a Thank-a-Bobcat button at the GIVE Center. Next, keep an eye out for someone displaying an act of civility and award them the button. Finally, head over to the Office of Inclusive Excellence's website, www.gcsu.edu/oie/civility-project, and let them know who received the button and why.

Recipients of the button

have the duty to pay it forward by passing it on the next time they see someone else doing an act of civility.

So what exactly does an act of civility pertaining to diversity and inclusion look like? Coordinator of Education and Outreach, Jennifer Birch, said that an act of civility can be a variety of different things.

"For example, an organization may present some type of organization or event that pertains to some type of social justice issue and the organization can be awarded the button," Birch said. "It's not just for individuals. The program is open to faculty, staff and any campus organization."

TAB is a reflection of GC's mission statement because of its ties to respect and responsibility through civility.

"Georgia College is already a wonderful

environment to be in, but we can always improve where we are. We want TAB to take it one step further and let the 3Rs be on our brains," Birch said.

The first recipient of a Thank-a-Bobcat button this semester is student Millie York. She was given the button by Kell Carpenter, who saw her offering a seat to someone in the Max who was sitting alone and then proceeded to share a meal with them, and cheer them up.

"I felt really chuffed, or surprised, to receive the button. I love making people smile and it was really cool to be recognized for that," York said. "I think it's important because people should always be looking to help each other and be sort of like one big family, and that's how I see Georgia College, as one big family."



Photo courtesy of Millie York

Button recipients are encouraged to pass the recognition on to others.

Carrigan Flotlin and Christina Pitts, both Thank-a-Bobcat recipients, shared why they think the TAB campaign is significant to campus.

"I think the bobcat campaign is a wonderful program. Promoting civility throughout the Georgia

College campus will help in creating a unified student body. Constantly treating people with consideration and respect makes them feel valued, and contributes to mutual respect," Flotlin said.

Pitts agreed.

"I believe that this is an

important program to have on campus to recognize those students who, even if for just a few minutes, forget about all the worries they have with their classes or any other things, and help someone and make a difference in a way," Pitts said.

Hunt for new public safety chief winds down

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Georgia College has been on the hunt for a new chief of public safety since early this summer and the committee is finally getting close to choosing the right person for the job.

The vacancy came when former chief of police Scott Beckner left the position in early July of

this past summer. Beckner, a GC employee since 2011, accepted a position at the University of Indiana as the assistant vice president and director of public safety.

Mike Duclos, director of facilities operations for GC, said that because the process of finding a chief of police is an active and ongoing search, not much information has been made public yet.

Since Beckner's absence in July, there have been two interim police chiefs that have filled the position temporarily. Officer Mitchell Jones is the current interim chief of police, having accepted the position in August.

The hiring process for the position hinges on a committee of professors and faculty selected to review and eventually

choose the most qualified candidate. The list of requirements for the job is long, but the committee has managed to get the number of viable applicants down to three.

"The responsibilities are similar to any municipal law enforcement agency, but campus police chiefs have to adhere to additional federal and state standards that apply specifically to

colleges," Jones said.

According to Officer Hatcher of GC Public Safety, the police staff has already met the potential candidates and were given a chance to speak with them.

Campus police officers are trained just like other officers from state municipalities, however, they have the luxury of campus organizations such as the student

judicial programs and the counseling center. They must also abide by federal standards such as Title IX and the Clery Act, which ensures campus crime statistics are transparent.

There is not a specific date set to have a permanent chief of police on staff, but the fact that the number of prospects has been whittled down to three is indicative of the process coming to an end.



Stumblin' and Tumblin'

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

While on foot patrol near a GC residence hall, Officer Osborne observed a group of people being loud and then saw a woman run into the dorm's sign and fall to the ground. When she made contact with the four students, they were all coherent and admitted to having consumed alcoholic beverages that night. When Officer Osborne asked one of the women for her ID, she responded that she did not know where her fake ID was located. She then corrected herself saying that she did not know where her wallet was. Officer Osborne asked the woman who ran into the sign if she was ok. The woman responded saying she had intended to run to a friend, who was standing near the sign, but she instead ran into the sign. Officer Osborne turned her attention to another woman and asked if she was alright. This woman stated she was fine, however, her speech was very slurred, and she was unstable on her feet. When she consented to a breath test, she registered positive at a .165 BrAC. She was placed under arrest for the underage possession of alcohol and public drunkenness. Officer Osborne informed three of the students that they would be referred to Student Judicial for underage drinking. Officer Powell transported the fourth to the Milledgeville Police Department for processing and detention.

Smelled out

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

On Oct. 6 at 11 a.m., Officer Braumuller was notified by a GC Community Advisor about the odor of marijuana coming from a student's room. Officer Braumuller accompanied the CA to the room and knocked on the door, stating that he knew the resident inside was smoking weed. The resident replied "okay" and opened the door. Upon request the resident handed over a pill bottle containing what is believed to be marijuana and a small glass smoking device. The resident stated she was the only one smoking and consented to a room search. After searching her room, Braumuller searched their common area and located an almost-empty bottle of fireball, a full B&J Strawberry Daiquiri, an opened can of Genesis, an open can of Bud Light, an unopened 24-pack of Yuengling lager and a MD. The resident was joined by her two other roommates who claimed the alcohol belonged to their fourth roommate. The CA poured all of the alcohol down the drain and disposed of the bottles. The resident was told she would be referred to Student Judicial for the underage possession of alcohol and the possession of marijuana.

Have the wallet but not the phone

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

A student was robbed on Oct. 3 at 11 p.m. when walking home down Thomas St. Officer Hatcher met with the student the following day to file a report. He recounted to her that a vehicle pulled off the road ahead of him and three males exited the vehicle. After verbally threatening him, they demanded his wallet and phone. The student gave them his wallet, containing two credit cards, his driver's license, his GC ID card, some gift cards and his health insurance card. However, he refused to give them his phone. Obtaining the wallet, the men returned to their vehicle and drove away. Officer Hatcher checked the security cameras in the area. The footage provided little information as the ones closest to the location were not functioning, and the images from cameras farther away did not reveal any identifying features of the aggressors. The case has been turned over to the Milledgeville Police Department.





GC's wild banshee

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

While patrolling main campus, Sergeant Smith heard yelling. Looking in the direction of the noise, he saw a shirtless man jogging unsteadily across the street to the sidewalk in front of the public safety building. The man began to pull up the metal stakes which were being used to block off a work area. After pulling up two and failing to do so with a third, the man walked down the sidewalk. When Sergeant Smith caught up to the man, Sergeant Smith asked why he had pulled up the stakes. The man responded that he did not know what Sergeant Smith was talking about. The man's speech slurred as he spoke and he smelt strongly of alcohol. Sergeant Smith placed the man under arrest for public drunkenness and transported him to the Milledgeville Police Department for processing.

Too much to handle

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

Officer Powell was dispatched to a GC residence hall at 2 a.m. in regards to a student vomiting outside the building. Upon his arrival, Officer Powell made contact with the individual, who was sitting on a bench with two of his friends. The student stated he had consumed too many alcoholic beverages and admitted he was under 21. Consenting to a breath sample, he scored a .101 BrAC. Officer Powell told the student he would be referred to Student Judicial for underage possession of alcohol.

Spitting fire

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety DepartmentOfficer Osborne was dispatched to the MAX on Oct. 5 at 10:30 p.m. in response to a call about a fire and an employee having possible chemical burns. When arriving at the scene, Officer Osborne was joined by the fire department and EMS. Making contact with three Chick-fil-A employees, Officer Osborne learned the employee who had been injured had been standing over the dishwasher area, pouring out water, when something blew up from the sink and into her face. The employee complained that her arm and face had been burnt. Prior to the emergency response teams' arrival, the employee's mom had picked her up and took her to Oconee Regional Medical Center. The firefighters on the scene stated someone previously poured grease down the drain, creating a clog which exploded when the employee poured water into it. The firefighters cleared out the sink and ventilated the space to clear the smoke. Officer Osborne went to the hospital to check on the employee. The employee explained she heard a gurgling noise coming from the sink, and when she bent over to look down the drain, it exploded. The woman received treatment for the burns she received from the incident. Officer Osborne left her business card with the employee's mom for further contact if necessary.

"I'd rather not"

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

Two men caught Officer Osborne's attention while she was patrolling the area of Wilkinson St. and Thomas St. on Oct. 7 at 1 a.m. One of the men was leaning against the other, evidently unable to stand on his own. When Officer Osborne approached the men, she noticed one had scraped his knee and was bleeding. When asked what happened, he stated that he fell earlier while trying to walk home. She asked him how many drinks he consumed that evening, to which he replied a couple of mixed drinks and several shots. While talking to the man, Officer Osborne noted his slurred speech, the odor of alcohol on his breath and his inability to remain steady, so she asked him to consent to a breath test. He replied by saying, "I'd rather not." He soon admitted to being 19-years-old and said the alcohol he consumed was given to him. Officer Osborne noticed the "over 21" bracelet on his friend's wrist. When asked about his age, the friend stated he was 20-years-old and had been given the bracelet from a guy he knew downtown. Officer Osborne placed the drunken individual under arrest for public drunkenness and the underage possession of alcohol and transported him to the Milledgeville Police Department for detention. The other man was told he would be sent to Student Judicial for underage possession of alcohol.

Hijack gone wrong

Obtained from Georgia College's Public Safety Department

At 2 a.m. on Oct. 1, Officer Osborne was flagged down by a man while patrolling downtown. The man told her that he witnessed three men stealing a GC golf cart from the corner of West Hancock St. and North Clark St. When Officer Osborne arrived at the scene, she met with a SNAP officer and a MAX employee. The GC employees gave Officer Osborne the license plate number of the vehicle they saw the three men get into after abandoning the golf cart they stole and crashed into a sign in front of the MAX. When the license plate was traced, Officer Osborne learned the vehicle belonged to a GC student who lived off campus. Officer Powell then located the vehicle at the owner's apartment, and Officer Osborne and Sergeant Smith knocked on the apartment door. The owner of the vehicle answered and admitted to knowing something about the incident however was unsure of who all was involved because they were his girlfriend's friends. Her friends called saying they needed a ride, so he and his girlfriend went to pick them up. The student admitted to dropping the other three off at their apartment but said he could not remember which apartment it was. Sergeant Smith went to the complex and located the apartment and made contact with them. Two of the men admitted to seeing their friend drive and crash the golf cart and gave their statements. The third man, who the friends said was the driver, was having trouble speaking and standing. He appeared highly intoxicated and was unable to write a statement. Officer Osborne placed him under arrest for theft by taking, criminal interference with government property and underage possession of alcohol. She then transported him to the Baldwin County Jail for processing and detention.

Baseball holds first prospect camp of fall



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A group of Bobcat baseball players celebrate with helmet taps at the plate after a home run to take the lead.

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Georgia College Baseball held its annual prospect camp on Saturday, Oct. 15, hosting 42 Georgia high school baseball players. The camp allowed the players to show off their skills through a variety of exercises. Players completed drills revolving around primary position play, defensive

and offensive skills, a 40-yard dash, and a 13-inning simulated game. In addition to time on the baseball field, the high schoolers were given a tour of GC and the athletic facilities.

Mason Parker, a freshman pitcher on the GC baseball team, attended the camp when he was a senior in high school. Parker thinks that the camp is a great way to get high school baseball players interested in playing for GC.

"I think Georgia College has the best coaching staff in the entire Peach Belt Conference," Parker said. "You come to Georgia College and they immediately make you feel at home and welcome you. It's just a great environment to be in, and they know their baseball."

For Parker, attending the camp helped him make the decision to play for GC.

"Georgia College had always been on my map, I

played at Georgia College between my sophomore and junior year of high school and just absolutely fell in love with the place," Parker said. "Attending the camp made me love it even more."

Kyle King, a sophomore catcher, also came to the prospect camp as a senior in high school.

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college game was taught coming from the coaches and players," King said. "It was good to meet all the coaches and the players. Plus, I got the chance to come to the campus and show off my skills to see what they thought of me."

The camp gives the GC baseball coaches an opportunity to see players from all across the state on one field, which gives the coaches an opportunity to evaluate players they normally would not have the chance to evaluate.

"The first thing we get to do is show off GC and what it is all about to some of the people around the state that haven't seen Milledgeville or our facilities," GC baseball's head coach Jason Eller said. "It gives us a chance to show off our program and inform everyone on what we do here, so it opens up a lot of recruiting and networking avenues



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Infielder Brandon Benson, a senior, turns a double play.

throughout the state."

Every year the camp opens the doors to new prospects that the baseball team will later recruit with hopes of getting a few commits out of the bunch, and this year was no different.

"I am hoping to recruit a couple from the camp today, and hopefully sign them and have them sign national letters of intent," Eller said. "I think we got some new Bobcats in the house."

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Men's basketball team youngest in GC history



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McCorkle and Nwanze celebrate after a game.

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A common theme of the Georgia College men's basketball team is youth, with head coach Mark Gainous saying it's the youngest team they've ever had. This year's team consists of sole senior Kelvin Nwanze, redshirt juniors Desmond Mitchell-Laflam and Mark McCorkle and 13 combined freshmen and sophomores.

Gainous is starting his third year as head coach and is excited for the upcoming season. In his

first season as head coach, the Bobcats went 9-19, but they rebounded to post an 18-11 record last season.

A new face who will receive a lot of playing time is redshirt junior Desmond Mitchell-Laflam. He previously played at Indian River State College but had to sit out a year to due to an ACL injury. "We needed a point guard because we didn't have any returning," Coach Gainous said.

The key players for this year's team include returners Nwanze, sophomore Isaac Thomas, walk-on Mark McCorkle

and redshirt freshman Garrick Debowles.

"The main goal for the season is to make the conference tournament and hopefully make the national tournament," Nwanze said.

Mitchell-Laflam brings experience and leadership to the team, having played three years in junior college already.

"I'm pretty excited for the new faces and team," Mitchell-Laflam said.

The team has done some bonding off the court, playing video games together, hanging out in the locker room and eating

dinner at The Max together.

The men's basketball team started official practice on Oct. 14 and have a scrimmage on October 25 at Middle Georgia.

The season is approaching quickly, with the first games of the season slated for Friday, Nov. 11 and Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Peach Belt Conference Challenge. Coach Gainous encourages fans to come out and support their young squad for the Bobcats' first home game on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Centennial Center.

Women's basketball team leans on experience

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Unlike the men's youth the Bobcat women's basketball team is coming into the season with plenty of experience. The women's team will consist of five seniors, a handful of juniors and seven combined freshmen and sophomores.

Maurice Smith, head coach of the women's basketball team, is very excited about his five seniors and believes that his team can match their high expectations.

"I'm excited for this season. I'm excited for everyone to come together as one," said senior LaRice Walker, a point guard for the Bobcats. Alongside Walker are fellow seniors Ellie Fruit, Lindsey Reed, Veronica Ryan and

Christina Thomas, all of whom have contributed in a number of victories over the years.

The women's basketball team also signed three transfers over the summer. Ta'Asia Wright, junior transfer from Atlanta Metro, will bring the team some toughness. Brianna Davis, a junior transfer from Rocky Valley College, was a junior college All-American. The final transfer is Shay Tarver. Tarver transferred from Howard University and is a talented guard who can shoot.

A fourth transfer was signed this semester, Ana Anderson, but after an unfortunate ankle injury, Anderson came to Georgia College as a student from Mercer University and was signed after her ankle was healed.

There are three freshmen

and a redshirt freshman providing reinforcements for the team this year as well.

"Having experienced workouts before, it makes it easier to tell the freshman that they'll make it through it," said forward Sydney Cleveland, a sophomore.

Cleveland and Walker agree that the team has a lot to offer, saying that the team goals this year are to make it to the PBC tournament and NCAA tournament.

The bobcat women's basketball team will begin exhibition play on Oct. 24 at home. Regular season play starts Nov. 18 and 19 in the PBC/CC Crossover tournament in Dahlonega, Georgia., with the first regular season home game on Nov. 30 against Tuskegee at the Centennial Center.



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LaRice Walker dribbles the ball up the court.

Bobcat volleyball starts season off strong



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From left to right: Ebony Powers, Chandler Ewaldsen, and Miller Howard prepare to return a serve during a game.

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So far this season, the women's volleyball team has won 10 out of 16 games, setting them up to play in the conference tournament in consecutive seasons. Last year was the team's first time ever making it to the tournament, and with another year under its belt, the team is ready to go even further than last year.

"We are hosting the tournament this year, so obviously our end goal is to make it to the end of the tournament and win in front of all of our friends and family," said outside hitter Miller Howard, a senior. "I think that having that

home-base support there is really going to help give us the edge we need to win this thing."

The volleyball program debuted just three years ago in 2013. For many of the seniors on the team, this season is important to them because they are the first class to play all four years on the squad. The team has improved its record every year since 2013, and is currently on track to continue that streak.

"I want to make this season the perfect end to my volleyball career, and with the way our team is playing so far I really think we are going to make that happen," Howard said.

The past four years have

allowed the team to build chemistry and improve as a team. This season, the women are averaging 12.63 kills per set, 18.16 digs per set and 11.84 assists per set, all of which are program highs.

"We're having a really good year so far. There have definitely been challenges along the way and we know now more than ever before what we need to be working on to improve our game, but we are also extremely confident in our strengths," said Gretchen Krumdieck, head volleyball coach.

Although the seniors will be leaving after the conclusion of this season, they have complete confidence that the

incoming seniors will do a fine job carrying on the team.

"They really are the heart of the team. They started the team and they have always been there. It's going to be weird without them, but it's up to us now to carry on their legacy," junior Chandler Ewaldsen said.

The volleyball team will play its next home match on Oct. 19 against USC Aiken at 7 p.m. It is the "Sea of Green" night, where every student-athlete will be wearing a green Georgia College athletics shirt to support the volleyball team. All students are encouraged to come.



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Chandler Ewaldsen sets up to serve the ball.

Women's cross-country thriving with youth

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The women's cross-country team, more than half of which are freshmen, has held a spot inside the top 10 for the Division II Southeast Region for five straight weeks and will have a chance to continue the streak at home on Oct. 22.

"I feel like that's rare to get an entire group of new folks to come in and completely buy into the program, but I feel like our men and women have done that," said Steve Cary, head coach of both GC cross-country teams.

Last year the Bobcats finished 13th in a Southeast region that included past champions Montevallo, Wingate and Queens.



Courtesy of GC Communications

Griffith (left), Lynch (center) and Tipton (right) race in the Bobcat Invitational

Going into the Peach Belt Conference Championship on Oct. 22, they have the opportunity to finish in the top 10 in the region, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since 2013.

Leading the freshman class are Kaitlyn Griffith, Grace Lynch and Anna Tipton, all of whom have impressed early. Griffith, from Cumming, Georgia, and Tipton, from Hartwell, Georgia, both posted 5K personal

records at the Queens Royals XC Challenge with times of 19:31 and 19:05 respectively. Lynch, hailing from Lawrenceville, Georgia, finished 20th overall in the Bobcat Invitational to start the season.

"My goals are to just continue what I've been doing," Griffith said. "Try to stay in the top percentage of the team, [and] helping my team to achieve our goals that we set earlier in

the season to be within at least the top half or top 25 percent of our meets."

The freshmen have been impressive in their own right, but it has been the leadership of upperclassmen Brittney Schwind, Rebecca Winslow and Katherine Yost that has helped them adjust to the college level of running. Yost has led the team performance-wise, winning the Bobcat Invitational and breaking the school's

5K record. Winslow and Schwind have led by example, doing whatever is needed for the team. Cary said that the young runners look up to the example that these three set.

"Especially since I'm really young to the sport, I've only been running for little bit over a year, really that guidance and especially the confidence that [the upperclassmen] have in me has really made me want to strive to be the

best that I can," Lynch said.

The team finished eighth in the PBC Championship last year, but has its sights set further this season, currently ranked fifth in the PBC. Cary not only wants to see his team succeed, he wants them to take their success and build on it.

"I'm tired of finishing eighth, and I'm tired for these ladies to finish eighth. I don't want to go out and have a solid year this year, and just kind of rest on that and just stay there and get stagnant. I want them to push themselves, improve [and] have the same mindset that they're carrying throughout this season," Cary said.

The Bobcats will be back in action at 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 22 as they host the PBC cross-country championships.

Soccer adds freshman forward midseason

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Freshman Mary Leigh Amerein decided to come to Georgia College after being recruited by GC women's soccer coach Hope Clark, even though she did not plan on playing for the Bobcats. However, in August, Amerein felt the urge to play soccer again

and began training for the season. In just her third collegiate game, Amerein scored her first goal for the Bobcats against Georgia Southwestern.

"I missed the family," Amerein said. "The relationships I form last on and off the field are truly irreplaceable."

She began training with the team for two weeks before she was added to

the Bobcat roster, and was required to pass a Cones Fitness Test before playing. She passed the test and played her first match on Sept. 28 against UNC Pembroke.

"Mary Leigh is a remarkable addition to our team," Clark said. "Her technical strikes are amazing; she brings to our team athleticism, and substantial dedication. She

is a true finisher."

After playing her first few games as a college athlete, Amerein realized how much she missed the game in her life.

"Soccer is much more than a game. When I incessantly work on a skill and endure the pain and defeat that goes along with it, acquiring that skill gives me a sense of accomplishment that I

cannot find anywhere else," Amerein said.

Amerein plans to play soccer throughout her college career and is currently studying exercise science with the hopes of one day becoming a physician assistant.

The team will celebrate Senior Day at its next home match on Oct. 22, as they host Young Harris College.



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Amerein focuses on the ball as she kicks it towards the goal.

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Senior golf players prepare for final season



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Pictured from left to right: Seniors Thomas Knight, Harry Lambert, Harrison Stewart, and Conner Albright play in their final season as Bobcats.

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The Georgia College men’s golf team will have big shoes to fill in May upon the graduation of their four senior team members. Seniors Conner Albright, Thomas Knight, Harry Lambert and Harrison Stewart have each made names for themselves on the golf course during their collegiate careers,

helping their team bring home numerous victories. As they prepare for their final season as Bobcats, this quintessential quad has taken some time to reflect on their time here at Georgia College and on the golf course.

The four share a close bond, as Albright, Lambert, and Stewart have played together since the start of their freshman year, with Knight joining them for

their sophomore season. “Being able to have that tight, close group of guys... I feel like that’s the way I’ve really grown my game over the years by just competing and growing with them,” Albright said.

Competition has played an equally large role in the game of Lambert, Stewart, and Knight as well, as they agreed that the competitive camaraderie they have when playing together

wasn’t taken for granted. “Being able to not just compete in tournaments but against each other in practice every day is probably what I’ll miss the most,” Knight said.

There is more to being on the team than just healthy competition, though.

“I’ve made a lot of good friends and teammates and learned a lot from them, and matured a lot with them on and off the course. Being

around the guys is always a good time,” Lambert said.

During each season, the team has had the privilege of traveling and playing a variety of courses at no expense because of their position on the team. “We get to play really nice courses for free which is a huge luxury,” Stewart said.

Some of the seniors’ favorite moments include going on golf trips, playing the different courses and

being a part of tournaments in which they set personal records.

“Golf will always be in my life as long as I can swing a club,” Lambert said. “That’s why golf is nice, you don’t just play for your college career and then you’re done. You can play for the rest of your life.”

UP NEXT...

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Bobcat Women’s Volleyball
vs. King at Misenheimer, NC
4 p.m.

Bobcat Cross Country
PBC Championships
Men: 9 a.m.
Women: 10:15 a.m.

Bobcat Women’s Soccer
at Young Harris
3 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 24

Bobcat Women’s Soccer
vs. Flagler
5 p.m.

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